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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re the Application of: **Naoki INOUE**Group Art Unit: **2182**Serial No.: **09/625,967**Examiner: **Eron J. Sorrell**Filed: **July 26, 2000**Confirmation No.: **8413**

For: **EXPANSION DEVICE CONNECTED TO INFORMATION
DEVICE TO THEREBY EXPAND THE FUNCTIONS THEREOF**

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This is responsive to the Office Action dated February 18, 2004 with a period for response ending on July 19, 2004 (July 18 was a Sunday) with the enclosed two-month Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.